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(Continuation-in-Part of Application Serial No. 09/216,733, filed December 21, 1998, which is a CIP of 09/021,114, filed February 10, 1998 (now U.S. Patent

No. 6,017,545, issued on

January 25, 2000)

Entitled

METHOD FOR ADMINISTERING INSULIN TO THE BUCCAL REGION

Attorney Docket No. 358594-00010-2

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

March 27, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Attn: BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks prior to examination. This application is a continuation-in-part application of Application Serial No. 09/216,733 which in turn was a CIP of Application Serial No. 09/021,114 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,017,545, issued on January 25, 2000).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Please add the following sentence as the last sentence of the abstract:

-- Methods for administering insulin to the buccal region are also

disclosed --.